

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a flower pot, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a flower pot having an outer peripheral surface;

providing a sheet of polymeric material having an upper surface and a

lower surface, at least a portion of **at least one of the upper**

surface and the lower surface of the sheet of polymeric material

being embossed, printed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations

thereof to provide an appearance or texture simulating the

appearance or texture of paper, the sheet of polymeric material

having a bonding material disposed on at least a portion of **at least**

one of the upper surface **and the lower surface** thereof whereby

the sheet of polymeric material may be bondingly connected to

itself **and/or** to the flower pot so that the sheet of polymeric

material may be secured generally about the flower pot; and

forming the sheet of polymeric material about the outer peripheral

surface of the flower pot to provide the decorative cover which

substantially surrounds and encompasses the flower pot, at least

a portion of **at least** one surface of the decorative cover being

provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the sheet of polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet of polymeric material, the bonding material is a pressure sensitive adhesive **or cohesive**.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a floral grouping, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a floral grouping;

providing a sheet of polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface, at least a portion of at least one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet of polymeric material being printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof to provide an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of paper, the sheet of polymeric material having a bonding material disposed on at least a portion of **at least one of** the upper surface **and the lower surface** thereof whereby the sheet of polymeric material may be bondingly connected to itself **and/or** to the floral

grouping so that the sheet of polymeric material may be secured generally about the floral grouping; and
wrapping the sheet of polymeric material about at least a portion of the floral grouping to provide the decorative cover which substantially surrounds and encompasses at least a portion of the floral grouping, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the sheet of polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet of polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet of polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern, a printed pattern or embossed and printed patterns which enhance the aesthetic characteristics of the sheet of polymeric material having the appearance or texture simulating the appearance and texture of paper.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet of polymeric

material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet of polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the sheet of polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another and another portion of the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

8. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein, in the step of providing the sheet of polymeric material, the sheet of polymeric material is a sheet of expanded core polymeric material having a thickness in the range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a flower pot, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a flower pot having an outer peripheral surface;

providing a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface, at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material being printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof to provide an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material; and

forming the polymeric material about the outer peripheral surface of the flower pot to provide the decorative cover, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein, in the step of providing the polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern, a printed pattern or embossed and printed patterns which enhance the aesthetic characteristics of the polymeric material having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance and texture of paper.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another and another portion of the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein, in the step of providing the polymeric material, the polymeric material is an expanded core polymeric material having a thickness in the range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a flower pot, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a flower pot having an outer peripheral surface;

providing a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein at least a portion of **at least one of the upper surface and** the lower surface is printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof to provide a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material, the polymeric material having an acrylic heat sealable lacquer disposed on **at least a portion of** at least one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof; and

forming the polymeric material about the outer peripheral surface of the flower pot to provide the decorative cover, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein, in the step of providing the polymeric material, at least a portion of the **at least** one of the

upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns which enhance the aesthetic characteristics of the polymeric material having the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are in registry with one another.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are out of registry with one another.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein a portion of the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are in register with one another and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are out of register with one another.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a flower pot, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a flower pot having an outer peripheral surface;

providing a flexible laminated polymeric material having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of paper on at least

a portion of **at least** one surface thereof, the flexible laminated polymeric material comprising:

a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a substantially water impervious polymeric material laminated to the polymeric material to form the flexible laminated polymeric material; and

wherein at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof so as to provide a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper such that at least a portion of **at least** one surface of the flexible laminated polymeric material is provided with a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric material; and

forming the flexible laminated polymeric material about the outer peripheral surface of the flower pot to provide the decorative cover, the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper on at least a portion of **at least** one surface thereof while maintaining structural and

mechanical characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein, in the step of providing the flexible laminated polymeric material, the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material are laminated with a colored adhesive.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the polymeric material has a thickness in the range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil and the substantially water impervious polymeric material has a thickness in the range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein, in the step of providing the flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern, a printed pattern or an embossed pattern and a printed pattern in addition to the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein, in the step of providing the flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at**

least one surface of one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern and at least a portion of **at least** one surface of one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with a printed pattern, and wherein the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein, in the step of providing the flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern and at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with a printed pattern, and wherein the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein, in the step of providing the flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern and at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric

material is further provided with a printed pattern, and wherein a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a flower pot, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a flower pot having an outer peripheral surface;

providing a flexible laminated polymeric material having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of paper on at least a portion of **at least** one surface thereof, the flexible laminated polymeric material comprising:

a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a material laminated to the polymeric material wherein the material laminated to the polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material; and

wherein at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material laminated thereto is printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof so as to provide the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining

structural and mechanical characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric material; and
forming the flexible laminated polymeric material about the outer peripheral surface of the flower pot to provide the decorative cover, the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper on at least a portion of **at least** one surface thereof while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein, in the step of providing the flexible laminated polymeric material, the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material are laminated with a colored adhesive.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27 wherein, in the step of providing the flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern, a printed pattern or an embossed pattern and a printed pattern in addition to the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

33. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a floral grouping, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a floral grouping;

providing a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface, at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material being printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof to provide an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material; and

wrapping the polymeric material about at least a portion of the floral grouping to provide the decorative cover, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33 wherein, in the step of providing the polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern, a printed pattern or embossed and printed patterns which enhance the aesthetic characteristics of the polymeric material having the appearance or texture simulating the appearance and texture of paper.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34 wherein at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns, and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

38. (Original) The method of claim 33 wherein, in the step of providing a polymeric material, the polymeric material is an expanded core polymeric material having a thickness in the range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a floral grouping, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a floral grouping;

providing a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein at least a portion of **at least one of the upper surface and** the lower surface is printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof to provide a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material, the polymeric material having an acrylic heat sealable lacquer disposed on **at least a portion of** at least one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof; and

wrapping the polymeric material about at least a portion of the floral grouping to provide the decorative cover, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39 wherein, in the step of providing a polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one of the upper and lower surfaces of the polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns which enhance the aesthetic characteristics of the

polymeric material having the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40 wherein the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are in registry with one another.

42. (Original) The method of claim 40 wherein the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are out of registry with one another.

43. (Original) The method of claim 40 wherein a portion of the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are in register with one another and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns provided on the polymeric material are out of register with one another.

44. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a floral grouping, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a floral grouping;

providing a flexible laminated polymeric material having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of paper on at least a portion of **at least** one surface thereof, the flexible laminated polymeric material comprising:

a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface;
a substantially water impervious polymeric material laminated to
the polymeric material to form the flexible laminated
polymeric material; and

wherein at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one
of the polymeric material and the substantially water
impervious polymeric material is printed, embossed,
textured, lacquered or combinations thereof so as to provide
a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance
of paper such that at least a portion of **at least** one surface
of the flexible laminated polymeric material is provided with
a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance
of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical
characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric material;
and

wrapping the flexible laminated polymeric material about at least a
portion of the floral grouping to provide the decorative cover, the
decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance
simulating the texture or appearance of paper on at least a portion
of **at least** one surface thereof while maintaining structural and
mechanical characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric
material from which the decorative cover is formed.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material are laminated with a colored adhesive.

46. (Original) The method of claim 45 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, the polymeric material has a thickness in the range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil and the substantially water impervious polymeric material has a thickness in the range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mil.

47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern, a printed pattern or an embossed pattern and a printed pattern in addition to the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially

water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern and at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with a printed pattern, and wherein the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern and at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with a printed pattern, and wherein the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern and at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the substantially water impervious polymeric material is further provided with a printed pattern, and wherein a portion of the

embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

51. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decorative cover for a floral grouping, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a floral grouping;

providing a flexible laminated polymeric material having an appearance or texture simulating the appearance or texture of paper on at least a portion of **at least** one surface thereof, the flexible laminated polymeric material comprising:

a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a material laminated to the polymeric material wherein the material laminated to the polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material; and

wherein at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material laminated thereto is printed, embossed, **textured**, lacquered or combinations thereof so as to provide a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric material; and

wrapping the flexible laminated polymeric material about at least a portion of the floral grouping to provide the decorative cover, the decorative cover being provided with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper on at least a portion of **at least** one surface thereof while maintaining structural and mechanical characteristics of the flexible laminated polymeric material from which the decorative cover is formed.

52. (Original) The method of claim 51 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material are laminated with a colored adhesive.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with an embossed pattern, a printed pattern or an embossed pattern and a printed pattern in addition to the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of paper.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns and wherein the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns and wherein the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.

56. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51 wherein, in the step of providing a flexible laminated polymeric material, at least a portion of **at least** one surface of **at least** one of the polymeric material and the material selected from the group consisting of a metallized foil and a polymeric material is further provided with embossed and printed patterns and wherein a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are in register with one another and a portion of the embossed and printed patterns are out of register with one another.